

**Introduced by Senators Runner and Florez**

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An act to amend Sections 8482.3 and 8483.3 of the Education Code, relating to after school programs, and making an appropriation therefor.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 875, as introduced, Runner. After School Education and Safety Program: career technical education.

(1) The After School Education and Safety Program creates incentives to establish after school enrichment programs that partner schools and communities to provide academic and literacy support and safe constructive alternatives for pupils in kindergarten and grades 1 to 9, inclusive, at participating public elementary, middle, junior high, and charter schools.

Existing law requires that local program components provide, among other things, education enrichment, which may include, but need not be limited to, fine arts, recreation, physical fitness, and prevention activities.

The existing act continuously appropriates to the department to use specified funds to provide training and support to ensure quality program implementation, development, and sustainability. The existing act prohibits any change to these provisions, except to further its purpose by a bill passed by a majority of the Legislature and signed by the Governor.

This bill would expand the above-referenced educational enrichment component to include career technical education.

Because this bill would make money that is continuously appropriated specifically available for this new purpose, the bill would make an appropriation.

(2) Existing law requires the State Department of Education to consider specified criteria in selecting schools to participate in the program, including, among others, the school's capacity to facilitate better integration with the regular schoolday and other extended learning opportunities, which may include arts, recreation, computer use, and other activities to broaden a pupil's learning experience.

This bill would specify that those extended learning opportunities may include career technical education.

The bill would declare that its provisions further the purposes of the act.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: yes. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 8482.3 of the Education Code is  
2 amended to read:

3 8482.3. (a) The After School Education and Safety Program  
4 shall be established to serve pupils in kindergarten and grades 1  
5 to 9, inclusive, at participating public elementary, middle, junior  
6 high, and charter schools.

7 (b) A program may operate a before school component of a  
8 program, an after school component, or both the before and after  
9 school components of a program, on one or multiple sites. If a  
10 program operates at multiple sites, only one application shall be  
11 required for its establishment.

12 (c) Each component of a program established pursuant to this  
13 article shall consist of the following two components:

14 (1) An educational and literacy component whereby tutoring  
15 or homework assistance is provided in one or more of the  
16 following areas: language arts, mathematics, history and social  
17 science, computer training, or science.

18 (2) A component whereby educational enrichment, which may  
19 include, but need not be limited to, fine arts, *career technical*  
20 *education*, recreation, physical fitness, and prevention activities,  
21 is provided.

22 (d) Applicants for programs established pursuant to this article  
23 may include any of the following:

24 (1) A local education agency, including a charter school.

1 (2) A city, county, or nonprofit organization in partnership  
2 with, and with the approval of, a local education agency or  
3 agencies.

4 (e) Applicants for grants pursuant to this article shall ensure  
5 that each of the following requirements is fulfilled, if applicable:

6 (1) The application documents the commitments of each  
7 partner to operate a program on that site or sites.

8 (2) The application has been approved by the school district  
9 and the principal of each participating school for each schoolsite  
10 or other site.

11 (3) Each partner in the application agrees to share  
12 responsibility for the quality of the program.

13 (4) The application designates the public agency or local  
14 education agency partner to act as the fiscal agent. For purposes  
15 of this section, “public agency” means only a county board of  
16 supervisors or, where the city is incorporated or has a charter, a  
17 city council.

18 (5) Applicants agree to follow all fiscal reporting and auditing  
19 standards required by the ~~State Department of Education~~  
20 *department*.

21 SEC. 2. Section 8483.3 of the Education Code, as added by  
22 Section 1 of Chapter 582 of the Statutes of 1998, is amended to  
23 read:

24 8483.3. (a) ~~The State Department of Education~~ *department*  
25 shall select applicants to participate in the program established  
26 pursuant to this article from among applicants that apply on  
27 forms and in a manner prescribed by the department. To the  
28 extent possible, the selection of applicants by the ~~State~~  
29 ~~Department of Education~~ *department* shall result in an equitable  
30 distribution of grant awards pursuant to Section 8483.7 to  
31 applicants in northern, southern, and central California, and in  
32 urban, suburban, and rural areas of California.

33 (b) ~~The State Department of Education~~ *department* shall  
34 consider the following in selecting schools to participate in the  
35 program established pursuant to this article, with primary  
36 emphasis given to items (1) through (5):

37 (1) Strength of the educational component.

38 (2) Quality of the educational enrichment component.

39 (3) Strength of staff training and development component.

1 (4) Scope and strength of collaboration, including  
2 demonstrated support of the schoolsite principal and staff.

3 (5) Capacity to facilitate better integration with the regular  
4 schoolday and other extended learning opportunities. These  
5 opportunities may include arts, *career technical education*,  
6 recreation, computer use, and other activities to broaden the  
7 pupil's learning experience.

8 (6) Inclusion of a nutritional snack.

9 (7) Employment of CalWORKs recipients.

10 (8) Level and type of local matching funds.

11 (9) Capacity to respond to program evaluation requirements.

12 (10) Demonstrated fiscal accountability.

13 ~~(c) The State Department of Education~~ *department* shall  
14 develop reporting requirements and allocation procedures,  
15 including procedures to reimburse startup costs for programs  
16 established pursuant to this article.

17 SEC. 3. The Legislature finds and declares that this act  
18 furthers the purposes of the After School Education and Safety  
19 Program.